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1. CROATIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEPAROVIC CALLED IN THE
CONSULAR/DIPLOMATIC CORPS LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON
(MAY 05) TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH WAS
AGREED TO DURING THE PREVIOUS DAYS CABINET MEETING
AND IS SIGNED BY PRIME MINISTER GREGURIC. IT CALLS
ON THE WORLD TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO COUNTER
WHAT ZAGREB CONSIDERS AS A WORSENING SITUATION IN
BOTH CROATIA AND BOSNIA/HERCEGOVINA.

2. BEGIN TEXT (ENGLISH TRANSLATION AS PROVIDED BY
THE FORMIN).

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STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

AT ITS SESSION ON MAY 4, 1992, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA REVIEWED THE STATE OF SECURITY IN
THE REPUBLIC IN THE WAKE OF INTENSIFIED AGGRESSIVE
MOVES BY THE FORMER YUGOSLAV PEOPLE'S ARMY (JNA),
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AGAINST CROATIA. THE
GOVERNMENT ALSO CONSIDERED THE AFTERMATH OF THE
ATTACK ON THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA AND
ARRIVED AT THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

1. THE FORMER JNA AND THE REPUBLICS OF SERBIA AND
MONTENEGRO, IN THEIR REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY SOME BASIC
STANDARDS PREVAILING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TODAY AND RELATED TO THE PROHIBITION OF WAR
OPERATIONS, THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA AND SARAJEVO
AGREEMENTS ON THE CEASEFIRE IN CROATIA, THE
RESPECTIVE UN PEACE PLAN AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, HAVE RENEWED THEIR
ATTACKS AT CROATIA WITH INCREASED INTENSITY AND
APPLICATION OF HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS FORBIDDEN
BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. WANTON DEVASTATION OF
OSIJEK, VINKOVICI, ZADAR, METKOVIC AND OTHER TOWNS
AND PLACES GO ON UNABATED. THE ATTACK ON SLAVONSKI
BROD IS AN EXAMPLE OF A BRUTAL CRIME COMMITTED
AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS, DEFENCELESS WOMEN AND
CHILDREN. THE AGGRESSORS CONTINUE TO BURN DOWN
DWELLING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, TO EXPEL CROATS
AND OTHER NON-SERBIANS FROM OCCUPIED AREAS AND TO
LAUNCH INSIDIOUS ATTACKS AT CIVILIAN TARGETS AND THE
CROATIAN ARMY DEFENCE POSITIONS. SUCH ATTACKS, AS
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WELL AS THOSE AGAINST EEC MONITORS AND THE ACTIONS
THWARTING THE UNPROFOR PEACE OPERATIONS ARE DESIGNED
TO ESCALATE THE CURRENT WAR CONFLICT AND TO UNDERMINE
THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE EFFORTS, WHICH SHOULD ENABLE
SERBIA, MONTENEGRO AND EX-JNA TO REALIZE BY FORCE

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THEIR CONQUERING PLANS AS SET OUT IN THE GREATER
SERBIA PROJECT.

12. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE SPREAD OF
AGGRESSION TO THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC
OF BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED: THE
OBVIOUS OBJECTIVE IS TO SUBJUGATE THIS REPUBLIC
MILITARILY, TO CHANGE THE ETHNIC STRUCTURE OF SOME OF
ITS AREAS AND TO FORCE IT INTO JOINING THE SO-CALLED
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

13. ALL THESE BRUTAL ACTIONS AGAINST CROATIA AND
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BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE HEART OF
EUROPE, BEFORE THE VERY EYES OF THE WORLD. BY
PLAYING SOFT WITH THE AGGRESSORS AND FAILING TO TAKE
SPECIFIC ACTIONS AGAINST THEM THE DEMOCRATIC STATES
AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE MAKING
THEMSELVES MORE AND MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
CONTINUING TOLL IN HUMAN LIVES. CONTINUOUS

POSTPONEMENT OF EFFICIENT SANCTIONS AGAINST THE AGGRESSORS ENABLES THEM TO EXPAND THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, DAY IN, DAY OUT, WHICH MAKES THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE DEMOCRATIC STATES AS PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS NOT ONLY MORALLY, BUT ALSO ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE, FOR FAILING TO DO WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO IN ORDER TO HELP INNOCENT PEOPLE.

14. THE RIGHT TO LIVE, THE RIGHT TO DEFEND ONE'S LIFE AND THE DUTY TO HELP ENDANGERED HUMAN BEINGS ARE MOTIVES BEHIND THE PRESENT MESSAGE OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING THE BITTERNESS OF HELPLESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS WELL AS OTHER INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THE AGGRESSIVE WAR WAGED AGAINST CROATIA AND BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA. ON THEIR BEHALF AND BASED ON THE UN PRINCIPLES PROHIBITING THE USE OF FORCE AND THE COMMITMENT OF MEMBER STATES TO TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR AND TO HELP THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION, AS WELL AS OTHER UN CHARTER PROVISIONS AND ALL THE ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA HEREBY REQUESTS:

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A) CONVENING AN URGENT SESSION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY THE REPUBLICS OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AND JNA AS AGGRESSORS AND TO DECIDE ON EFFICIENT ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER.

B) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF UNPROFOR OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS INTENDED TO STOP THE AGGRESSION AGAINST CROATIA AND TO CARRY OUT THE UN PEACE PLAN.

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C). AN ULTIMATUM SHOULD BE GIVEN BY EEC AND CSCE TO SERBIA, MONTENEGRO AND THEIR CRIMINAL ARMY TO THE EFFECT THAT PROPER AND EFFICIENT ACTIONS BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM, UNLESS THEY IMMEDIATELY STOP KILLING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND DESTROYING TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

D) BRINGING THE CRIMINAL ARMY OF EX-YUGOSLAVIA UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

E) MAKING DECISIONS ON SENDING PEACE KEEPING TROOPS TO BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA.

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F) PREVENTING THE SO-CALLED FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, A DISGUISE OF GREATER SERBIA, FROM USURPING IT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHTS OF EX-SFRJ (SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA) IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND RELATIONS.

G) CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES AND EXILES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PROVIDING HELP IN TAKING CARE OF THEM AND THUS ENABLING THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

H) SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL COURT TO DEAL WITH WAR CRIMES AND TO TAKE LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST ALL THOSE TORTURING AND KILLING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OTHER INNOCENT INDIVIDUALS IN THIS BLOODY WAR.

15. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA APPEALS TO ALL DEMOCRATICALLY MINDED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES WITH AN AIM TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY ADOPTED AND ESTABLISHED STANDARDS. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FAILED TO DO WHAT HE CAN AND MUST DO IN ORDER TO STOP THE MASSACRE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BEARS A PART OF MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND COMPLICITY IN THE CRIME BEING COMMITTED, INDIFFERENCE TO EVIL-DOING AND MILD RESPONSE CAN ONLY LEAD TO NEW CRIME AND IS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE CRIME.

16. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA APPEALS TO THE CROATIAN PEOPLE AT HOME AND ABROAD AS WELL AS
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ALL CITIZENS OF CROATIA REGARDLESS OF THEIR NATIONALITY TO HELP OUR SUFFERING CITIZENS LIVING IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES UNDER EXTREMELY PERILOUS CONDITIONS. THIS SHOULD BE PART OF OUR JOINT STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. LET US WORK AND ACT IN A WAY THAT WILL GIVE THE BEST OF EACH OF US IN THESE HARD MOMENTS OF OUR HISTORY.

JUST LIKE THE REST OF OUR CITIZENS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA HAS NEVER HAD ANY DOUBTS

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ABOUT OUR ULTIMATE VICTORY. WE HAVE TRIED TO REACH
OUR OBJECTIVES WITH MINIMUM HUMAN SACRIFICE.
HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN PAYING A HEAVY PRICE IN HUMAN
LIVES AND OVERALL DESTRUCTION. WE APPEAL TO YOU IN
THESE DECISIVE AND AGONIZING HOURS TO DO YOUR UTMOST,
EACH IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREA, IN HELPING OUR COUNTRY
AND OUR PEOPLE. THE ENORMOUS SACRIFICE RENDERED SO
FAR IS BINDING TO ALL OF US. END TEXT.
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